

## ***Automotive Refinishing Pollution Prevention Outreach Partners***



*California Environmental Protection Agency*

**AIR RESOURCES BOARD**



To advance our goal of cleaner air for communities, the Air Resources Board (ARB) has partnered with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the Iowa Waste Reduction Center (IWRC) to conduct pollution prevention outreach to automotive refinishing facilities located in low-income, minority neighborhoods in California.

The ARB has been awarded U.S. EPA Pollution Prevention Incentives for States (PPIS) grant funds to train automotive spray technicians on advanced spray techniques and provide them with technology to reduce emissions during spraying operations. PPIS funding enabled ARB staff to travel to and establish STAR® training facilities at Los Angeles Trade-Tech (LATTTC), Contra Costa College (CCC), and the Centre City/Skills Center (Skills Center); purchase materials and equipment for these facilities; and provide HVLP guns and Laser Touch™ units for spray technicians completing STAR® training.

In addition to on-going technical assistance, the IWRC has provided funds to enable instructors from LATTTC, CCC, and the Skills Center to receive training to become certified STAR® instructors. The IWRC has also provided additional funding for materials and supplies in order to provide STAR® training for students enrolled in automotive refinishing courses at LATTTC.